

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed 11/14/2005. Reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

Formal Drawings

Applicant has attached 5 replacement sheets for Figures 1-11 representing all Figures now on file. These replacement sheets merely formalize the Figures and no amendments or substantive changes have been made.

Claim Amendments

Claim 20 has been amended to correct a minor editorial problem by deleting a redundant "and".

Claim 24 has been amended to more clearly express the claim by explicitly claiming the means for forming a label table and the means for forming a GID table, elements that were previously claimed implicitly. Applicant respectfully submits that the scope of the claim is unchanged by these amendments.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

16. The Examiner rejects claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 12, 20, 21, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hama (US PAT PUB 2004/0202171), and in view of Thang et al. (US PAT PUB 2002/0167898), hereinafter referred to as Thang, and in view of Klevans (US PAT 6885677).

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 12, 20, 24, 29, and 33 to include subject matter the Examiner has indicated is allowable as discussed further below. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 12, 20, 21, 24,

25, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hama in view of Thang, and in view of Klevans.

17. The Examiner rejects claims 8 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hama (US PAT PUB 2004/0202171), in view of Thang et al. (US PAT PUB 2002/0167898), in view of Klevans (US PAT 6885677) and in view of Paatela et al. (US PAT PUB 2002/0163935), hereinafter referred to as Paatela.

Applicant has amended independent claims 5 and 12 to include subject matter the Examiner has indicated is allowable as discussed further below. Claim 8 depends from claim 5 and claim 15 has been amended to depend from claim 12. Applicant relies on the patentability of the claims from which these claims depend to traverse the rejection without prejudice to any further basis for patentability of these claims based on the additional elements recited and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 8 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hama in view of Thang, Klevans, and Paatela.

18. The Examiner rejects claims 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 19, 22 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hama (US PAT PUB 2004/0202171), in view of Thang et al. (US PAT PUB 2002/0167898), hereinafter referred to as Thang, in view of Klevans (US PAT 6885677) and in view of Cao et al. (US 6,721,269), hereinafter referred to as Cao.

Applicant has amended independent claims 5, 12, and 20 to include subject matter the Examiner has indicated is allowable as discussed further below. Claims 9, 10, and 11 depend from claim 5, claims 17-19 depend from claim 12, and claims 22 and 23 depend from claim 20. Applicant relies on the patentability of the claims from which these claims depend to traverse the rejection without prejudice to any further basis for patentability of these claims based on the additional elements recited and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of

claims 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 19, 22 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hama in view of Thang, Klevans, and Cao.

Allowable Subject Matter

19. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. The Examiner objects to claims 4, 7, 14, 26, 27, 28, 32 and 36 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicates that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 5, 12, 24, 29, and 33 to include all of the limitations of dependent claims 4, 7, 14, 26, 32, and 36 and any intervening dependent claims and cancelled claims 4, 6, 7, 13, 14, 26, 32, and 36. Claims 8, 15, 27, and 28 are amended to correct the dependencies in view of the cancelled claims. Applicant respectfully requests that independent claims 1, 5, 12, 24, 29, and 33 and all claims that depend therefrom be allowed.

Applicant has amended independent claim 20 to include subject matter comparable to the subject matter of claim 4, which the examiner indicated as allowable. Applicant respectfully requests that independent claim 20 and all claims that depend therefrom be allowed.

Conclusion

Applicant reserves all rights with respect to the applicability of the doctrine of equivalents. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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